major insurgent groups as "unlawful associations". The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action.

Sexual Harassment of Woman ASI

866. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Woman Assistant Sub-Inspector of the Delhi Police working with Finger Prints Bureau, has accused the FPB Director of sexual harassment;

(b) if so, the date and the nature of her complaint;

(c) the action taken on the complaint by senior Police officers; and

(d) whether she has tendered her resignation in view of the lack of action by the Police officials?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. She made a complaint on the 15th December, 1998 that the Director of Bureau had made sexual advances towards her and on being spurned, she was being harassed.

(c) Delhi Police have instituted an inquiry into the complaint. In the meanwhile, she has been transferred out of the jurisdiction of the officer complained against.

(d) The resignation tendered by her was later withdrawn by her.

आतंकवादियों को हथियारों की आपूर्ति कर रहे देश

867. श्री नरेन्द्र मोहन: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारत में जो आतंकवादी सक्रिय हैं, उन्हें हथियारों की आपूर्ति किन-किन देशों से की जाती है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में कोई विशेष जानकारी प्राप्त की है; और

(ग) आतंकवादियों को दिये गये हथियारों की कुल संख्या कितनी है और हथियारों को खरीदने के लिए आतंकवादियों को धन कहां से प्राप्त होता है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) और (ख) देश में आतंकवादियों को हथियारों की आपूर्ति करने के संबंध में विशिष्ट रूप से कोई भी देश ध्यान में नहीं आया है। तथापि, पाक आई॰एस॰आई॰ जम्मू एवं कश्मीर और देश के अन्य हिस्सों में आतंकवादियों की सहायता करने और उकसाने के लिए जानी जाती है।

(ग) आतंकवादियों को सप्लाई किए गए हथियारों की कुल संख्या के बारे में कोई सूचना नहीं है। बताया जाता है कि हथियारों के लिए वित्त पोषण हवाला चैनलों के माध्यम से किया जाता है।

Rise in Crime Rate in the Country

868. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crime is taking on murkier and bloodier dimensions all over the country;

(b) if so, which are the major States of the country where crime rate has drastically increased;

(c) what major steps Government have taken to control the situation; and

(d) whether rapid urbanisation, globalisation, mass media, changing values, absence of role models etc. are contributing to the rise in crime rate all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) Available information in regard to rate of total congnizable crime under IPC (crimes per lakh of population) during the years 1996 and 1997 and the percentage variation in the year 1997 over the year 1996 is given in the enclosed statement. Various socio-economic and psychological factors which, inter alia, include rapid urbanisation, globalisation, mass media, changing values, absence of role models, etc., are contributing to the rise in crime in the country.

'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. As such, the registration, investigation and detection of crimes as well as the presentation of crimes are primarily the

responsibility of the State Governments. It is also essentially for the State Governments to take such measures as are necessary for addressing the factors necessary to prevent crimes. However, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure, apart from sending advisories to them from time to time.

Statement

Rate of Total Cognizable Crimes under IPC (Crimes per lakh of Population during 1996 and 1997)

Sl.No.	State/UT	1996	1997	% Variation in 1997 over 1996
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	STATES			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	150.6	156.7	4.06
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	194.6	172.1	11.58
3.	Assam	145.3	144.6	-.18
4.	Bihar	120.6	123.3	2.05
5.	Goa	215.2	198.3	-7.87
6.	Gujarat	259.6	253.6	-2.24
7.	Haryana	181.9	168.1	-7.54
8.	Himachal Pradesh	188.4	164.4	-12.74
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	201.1	185.7	-7.69
10.	Karnataka	234.9	228.4	-2.77
11.	Kerala	275.0	294.1	6.93
12.	Madhya Pradesh	267.8	269.7	.74
13.	Maharashtra	214.1	209.7	-2.06
14.	Manipur	123.7	129.3	4.53
15.	Meghalaya	92.7	89.1	-3.87
16.	Mizoram	276.7	243.7	-11.92
17.	Nagaland	96.4	96.5	.18
18.	Orissa	145.2	146.9	1.23
19.	Punjab	63.5	66.1	4.02
20.	Rajasthan	328.9	324.2	-1.45
21.	Sikkim	147.9	122.2	-17.42
22.	Tamil Nadu	223.5	235.3	5.27
23.	Tripura	116.3	99.8	-14.20
24.	Uttar Pradesh	113.0	95.1	-15.88
25.	West Bengal	92.9	86.0	-7.39
	Total (States)	179.1	175.8	-1.81

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	UNION TERRITORIES			
26.	A&N Islands	110.6	136.3	23.24
27.	Chandigarh	252.8	269.3	6.49
28.	D & N Haveli	256.3	204.1	-20.34
29.	Daman & Diu	234.5	205.4	-12.43
30.	Delhi	327.0	488.2	-7.36
31.	Lakshadweep	73.3	37.1	-49.35
32.	Pondicherry	274.3	250.5	-8.69
	Total (UTs)	476.5	444.4	-6.73
	Total (All-India)	183.4	180.0	-1.85

Source: Crime in India Data

Criminal Record of a Citizen Award Winner

869. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Citizen Award Winner has four Criminal Record", appearing in the Hindu, dated May 20, 1998;

(b) if so, the nature and details of the four criminal cases filed against the citizen award winner;

(c) whether he has any relations with the NGO which had selected him for the said award; and

(d) whether verification of antecedents of the recipient as well as the NGO was not desirable?

THE MINISTER OF HOME ARRAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) Of the four criminal cases referred to in the news report in question, two related to theft of electricity; one to mischief by fire; and the fourth to criminal intimidation. The two cases have either been sent as untraced or cancelled.

(c) and (d) The National Citizen's Award, 1996 instituted by a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) was presented by the President of India to 24 prominent personalities. As per the communication sent by the NGO to the President, the recipients of the award were selected by a distinguished jury headed by a former Chief Justice of India. The Government was not involved with the function, and it was for the sponsoring NGO to verify the antecedents of all the awardees. The Government is not therefore aware whether he had any relationship with the NGO concerned.

Gujarat's Proposal for High Speed Boats for Coastal Patrolling

870. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal of the Gujarat Government for purchase of high speed boats for use for Joint Coastal Patrolling is pending with Government;

(b) if so, whether a decision has been taken thereon; and